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30 April 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Goodpaster, White House  
SUBJECT: Extract from report of General O'Daniel,  
Chief MAAG, Indochina

1. General O'Daniel summarizes the situation in Saigon as of 29 April as follows:

"Vietnamese National Army appears have capability, morale and desire to finish Binh Xuyen now. Having taken many casualties during the past month adds to VNA incentives, however, recent ordeals from Bao Dai concerning consultations in France have apparently produced some dismay and indecision which could be dispelled by strong US stand in support of government. Any change in leadership or command at this time could result in Chaos."

2. General O'Daniel states the VNA estimates their casualties 20 to 30 killed, 150 hospitalized. Binh Xuyen casualties 100 killed, 400 wounded. Heavy civilian casualties.

3. General O'Daniel also states that the VNA reports Binh Xuyen posts in Saigon area controlled by French contain three companies of Binh Xuyen. This provides tense situation. (Gen. O'Daniel's comment).

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